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FOR PROF BERNARD OXMAN C/O LT BLEMMER

FOLLOWING REPEAT MOSCOW 16274 ACTION SECSTATE INFO USUN
NEW YORK DATED JULY 12, 1978.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 16274

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OXMAN VISIT; AGENDA FOR AUGUST BILATERAL

REF: (A) STATE 173569, (B) STATE 174591

1. YAKOVLEV HAS INFORMED EMBASSY BY TELEPHONE JULY 12
THAT SOVIET SIDE LOOKS FORWARD TO OXMAN VISIT JULY 23-25.
SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET ORGANIZED FIRM PROGRAM BUT ARE
PLANNING FOR MEETINGS JULY 24-25, WITH POSSIBLY A
LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR KHLESTOV ON JULY 24.
YAKOVLEV DEMURRED WHEN POSSIBILITY OF MEETING WITH
KHLESTOV ON JULY 23 WAS BROACHED, SAYING THAT "SOVIET
SIDE" IS ACTUALLY SUPPOSED TO BE ON LEAVE DURING THIS
PERIOD AND MEETING WITH KHLESTOV ON SUNDAY
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THEREFORE SEEMS OUT OF QUESTION. YAKOVLEV SAID THAT
AMBASSADOR KHLESTOV WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENT ON JULY 24
FOR PERSONAL MEETING WITH OXMAN.

2. REGARDING U.S.-SOVIET BILATERAL AUGUST 18,
YAKOVLEV NOTED DOWN PR AGENDA (PARA 1, REF B)
AND U.S. PLANS TO HOST LUNCH FOR FIVE. ON AGENDA HE

ONLY OBSERVED THAT IT SEEMED VERY GENERAL, PERHAPS
NOT SPECIFIC ENOUGH.

3. ON SUBSTANCE OF OXMAN MEETING, YAKOVLEV SAID HE
HOPED OXMAN WOULD BE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON
THE MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE
SECOND PART OF THE SESSION (L 31). HE ALSO REMINDED
THAT THE SOVIETS ARE WAITING FOR A "MORE PROFOUND"
STATEMENT OF THE U.S. POSITION ON SEABED FINANCIAL
MATTERS. YAKOVLEV ALSO NOTED IN PASSING THE IMPORTANCE
OF DUE ATTENTION TO THE PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE SETTLE-
MENT OF DISPUTES ON DELIMITATION.

4. EMBOFF WILL BE MEETING WITH YAKOVLEV EARLY
NEXT WEEK TO OBTAIN CLEARER IDEA OF SOVIET PROGRAM
AND EXPECTATIONS FOR OXMAN VISIT. MATLOCK
UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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